

## WOMAN MADE MAD BY THIEF'S BLOW

Struck Down and Choked by One of Two Men Who Rob Her Husband's Store.

### TAKEN TO BELLEVUE WARD

Her Children and the Father Are Left Peniless and Obligated to Vacate and Take Refuge in a Shanty.

As a result of an attack made upon her by burglars who robbed her husband's small grocery store at No. 57 Columbia street, Mrs. Dora Spielvogel is in Bellevue Hospital suffering from insanity. Mr. Spielvogel has been obliged to close his store because he is unable to pay his rent, and he and his four little children have taken refuge with his sister, Mrs. Augusta Brenner, a widow, who lives in a small one room wooden shanty in the rear of the tall tenements at No. 71 Goerck street. Mrs. Spielvogel slept with her youngest child in the room next to the store, her husband and the other children sleeping in the rear room. Early Thursday morning the husband was aroused by shrieks from his wife. As he ran into the head which knocked him down. Two men escaped through the store. Mrs. Spielvogel began to talk wildly. Her condition grew worse and she was removed to Bellevue. Her case has been diagnosed as acute mania.

With her funds gone and her landlord demanding overdue rent, Spielvogel was obliged to close his store, and on Saturday he took his children to his sister, in Goerck street. Despite her own impoverished condition, Mrs. Brenner took the family into her room.

"I have myself and my own little boy to support," she said, "but what could I do? I could not see my brother and his children in the street."

Mrs. Brenner's shanty is about the size of an ordinary woodshed.

No arrests have been made.

### TOOK WHOLE JEWELRY SHOP.

Dealer and Repairer Found Only a Bare Room and Had One of His Employees Arrested.

William Stein, a jewelry dealer and repairer, with a shop on the fifth floor of the Twelfth Ward Bank Building, at 123rd street and Lexington avenue, arranged one of his employees, Jacob Herlick, of No. 131 East Broadway, in Harlem, Police Court yesterday on a charge of stealing about \$500 worth of stock and tools.

Samuel Argon, of No. 34 Forsyth street, was charged with receiving two brazing machines from Herlick. Magistrate Baker held each in \$1,000 bail for examination on Thursday. A warrant is out for another of Stein's employees, charged with complicity in the theft.

Stein left the city a week ago for a trip and put Herlick in charge of his shop. When he returned Saturday night everything had been cleaned out of the place. Two machines were traced to Argon.

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### FOOTPADS BEAT CIRCUS MAN.

Frank Hyatt Attacked, Robbed and Left Helpless in the Mott Haven Yards.

Frank Hyatt, sixty years old, superintendent of the Barmen & Bailey circus, is at the Putnam House suffering from a broken nose, a gouged eye and several severe lacerations on his face and body, as a result of an attack by footpads in the Mott Haven railroad yards early yesterday morning.

Paraphernalia for the big show had all been unfolded and started for Madison Square Garden, and Mr. Hyatt had started down the yards to give instructions to the men in charge of the empty trains, when he was attacked from behind and struck with a slingshot. His assailants numbered, he thinks, three men. He was overcome, robbed of a small amount of money and left lying between the tracks helpless.

He was picked up by a cabman and taken to Madison Square Garden, and the circus people took him to his hotel. He is in a serious condition.

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## Rescued by Crew from School Ship

Sleeper Falls from Recreation Pier and Is Carried Up the East River by Tide.

Seated on the end of a recreation pier at East Twenty-fourth street, Leopold G. Schultz, of No. 288 Bowery, dozed in the sunshine and fell overboard yesterday morning. James Brannagan, a laborer, gave an alarm and J. B. Flury, surgeon's assistant on the school ship St. Mary's, which is moored at the pier, lowered a dingy. It was manned by six petty officers and started after the man, who was being carried rapidly up East River by a strong tide.

M. P. Schermerhorn, chief boatswain's mate, was in command of the rescuing

## IRISH HEIR FOR 'CASTLE IN SPAIN'

Venerable Swindler Appears in Erin, Where Supposed Relative Was Sought as Victim.

### TOLD OF CUBAN FORTUNE

New York Man Bares Attempt at Fraud Among Effects of Father, Who Died in Dundalk.

Once again has the hoary and venerable "Castles in Spain" swindler, the age of which ought to protect it against such hard and frequent usage, appeared as the basis of a plot in which an Irish country gentleman, John Irwin, of Dundalk, was to have been victimized by the promise of \$27,000 in hidden treasure that was to have been his so soon as he had complied with certain preliminaries, chief among which was the forwarding of money to the "relative," who promised to reveal the secret of the concealed fortune.

For many years the police of this country have been familiar with the methods employed by a band of Spanish swindlers, whose headquarters in the majority of instances have been in or near Barcelona, from where the present letter was written. The methods never differed very much. Each time the recipient was referred to as a relative of the writer, who usually described himself as being a prisoner on political grounds, and, fearing death, wished to assure himself of the safety and welfare of his only daughter.

Therefore being convinced of the honor and integrity of the man to whom he was writing he wished to intrust her to his care, in return for which he would leave his relative the whole of a buried fortune, the location of which he would at once forward as soon as sufficient money had been sent down to the daughter's traveling expenses and enough more to provide her with a proper wardrobe. The first victim was yet to be recorded, although on one or two occasions the scheme almost went through to success.

In the present instance, John Irwin, who is stopping at the Herald Square Hotel, went to Ireland to attend the funeral of his father. Among his parents' effects he found a registered letter postmarked "Barcelona" and marked "important."

In a plaintive manner the writer set forth that he had formerly been a secretary and treasurer to a Martinez Campos, and as such had been in charge of public and private money aggregating \$15,000. Upon the accession of Martinez to power in Cuba he had joined the ranks of the rebels, and after the conclusion of peace he had gone to London, where the money had been deposited under a special contract in the Bank of London. The certificate had been sealed and sent to Spain by the express, and had been called to Spain by the illness of his "only and beautiful" daughter. In Spain he had been arrested and sentenced to twenty years in prison.

It was his desire to safeguard his daughter's future, and therefore he communicated the contents of the letter and a sum of money which was to be taken as earnest of his intention to carry out the agreement.

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## ROBBED, SLAIN AND LEFT IN AIR SHAFT

Body of John J. McCabe Found in Rear of Tenement House in Chrystie Street.

### VICTIM OF KNOCKOUT DROPS

Police Neglect to Investigate Case Until Coroner Finds Papers Revealing Man's Identity and Evidence of Murder.

Murdered and robbed, John J. McCabe, a weaver, of Pittsfield, Mass., was thrown into the air shaft of the tenement at No. 31 Chrystie street early yesterday morning. When the janitress discovered the body at daylight and notified the police, an ambulance surgeon was called and pronounced the man dead. The police took the body to the Eldridge street station and reported it as "unknown man found dead."

Coroner Harburger went to the Chrystie street tenement and found about thirty letters and other papers of the dead man scattered in the air shaft bottom. From them he learned McCabe's identity and came to the conclusion that the man had been robbed and murdered. He severely criticized the police for neglecting to take the papers when they carried the body away. One was McCabe's dress book and a member of Court Greylock, No. 12, Foresters of America, of Pittsfield.

The envelope of his bank book on the Howard Savings Bank, of Newark, N. J., was found, but the book had disappeared. One one dollar bill, folded carefully, was found in a small pocket of McCabe's trousers. He was very neatly dressed, his hat, overcoat, suit and shoes being entirely new, of good material and fashionable cut.

Only a slight bruise on the nose was found to explain McCabe's death. Coroner Harburger said there were indications that "knock out drops" had been given to the man and that the drug had proved fatal. McCabe had been led or carried, apparently, through the hall of the tenement to his rear, where a short stairway leads to the airshaft bottom where the body was found. The glass in the door opening on the airshaft was broken, indicating a struggle there.

### RANG FIRE ALARM TO STEAL.

Pickpockets, It Is Thought, Gathered Crowd in Longacre Square.

Some person pulled a fire alarm box at Forty-second street and Broadway at eight o'clock last night and in three minutes firemen of four engine companies, two hook and ladder trucks, one water tower and one salvage corps, with two battalion chiefs and one deputy chief, were looking for a blaze. Their search, which was in vain, was witnessed by five thousand persons.

After the firemen went away three pickpockets were reported as having been picked. It is supposed the false alarm was the work of pickpockets to gather a crowd.

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## CHURCH MEMBERS DESERT DR. LEE

Presbytery of New York Gets Aid in War from Part of Westminster Congregation.

### PETITION IN CIRCULATION

Desire Shown to Keep Institution Under Control of Governing Body—Minister's Wife Breaks Down.

That certain members of the Westminster Church are about to desert the cause of the Rev. John Lloyd Lee and to espouse that of the Presbytery of New York in the quarrel which has arisen between them was asserted yesterday with all positive assurance. It was stated that a petition had been or was being circulated to disclaim as improper the accession of the Westminster Church from the governing body.

No member of the church could be found who would admit that such a petition existed, much less admit signing such paper. That such exists, however, and that it has several signers is declared positively. From one who it was said has seen the petition it was learned yesterday that the thirty signers express their desire to retain the church in the Presbytery, and they declare the action taken at the congregational meeting on the evening of January 14, when the church voted to withdraw, to be without the pale of either the legal or constitutional rights of the church.

Dr. Lee made a brief statement to his congregation yesterday morning in which he said: "We have withdrawn, and we are no longer connected with the Presbytery. It has no authority over us. The action of the Presbytery in 'dissolving' our Session is not binding. In like manner Session in this Westminster Church has no significance that we are bound to heed. My only word to you is to be good cheer. The Westminster Church will continue to go on as it has gone on before."

Suffering with nervous prostration, induced by worry attendant upon the difficulties in her husband's church, Mrs. John Lloyd Lee lies seriously ill at the Lee summer home, at Ashbury Park, N. J. Dr. Lee after preaching in the Westminster church yesterday morning went away to his wife's bedside.

Notwithstanding Mrs. Lee's illness the several suits which will be taken against the church soon are to proceed. Papers in a civil suit, will, it is said, be served on Dr. Lee next Wednesday, and simultaneously with service on the eight members of the Westminster Church Session, which is composed of the elders and deacons of the church.

### ROCKEFELLER ON WILD OATS

Young Man Tells Bible Class That Familiarity with Evil Is Dangerous.

After an absence of two Sundays, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., again led his Bible class in the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church yesterday morning, and addressed the young men on the problem of sin. The lesson was concerning the plague which came on Pharaoh. Mr. Rockefeller laid stress on the fact that it is not necessary for a young man to sow his wild oats.

"The world undertakes to question the reality of sin," said he, "and the world says, 'Why, sin is only the folly of youth and the ignorance of young manhood; every young man must sow his wild oats.' This is what the world says, but the world never said a more harmful thing than just that. How many men, you see, and I know how many have been overwhelmed by sin because they followed the teaching that it is not necessary for a young man to sow his wild oats."

"Psychology tells us that every time a man does wrong it makes it just that much easier for him to do it the next time, and it is perfectly foolish to think that familiarity with evil, steeping one's self in it, is going to help him to live a pure and upright life. While it is true we soon learn that the fire is not by burning our fingers, yet this does not prove that it is best for us to learn that way. The reason young men are so glad to sow their wild oats is because they find pleasure in doing so, not because in so doing they are surely strengthening themselves against evil."

Mr. Rockefeller argued that mere punishment is not deterrent and does not

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rid our lives of sin, though God may make use of punishment in showing us the evil of our ways.

"Punishment will never keep a man from sin," he added. "We take a man who is a criminal and we put him in prison, where he is prevented from doing wrong, but his heart is not changed. Punishment cannot save a man."

Interest is manifested in the class celebration, which takes place on Thursday evening, at which Mark Twain, Professor I. G. Schurman, of Cornell University, Timothy L. Woodruff and Martin W. Littlejohn will be the principal speakers.

### NEGROES HELD FOR MURDER.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sunday.—Robert Epps and Mattilda Carter, negroes, were arrested in their home here to-day, charged with the murder of an unidentified man, whose charred body was found in a burned box car in the Pennsylvania Steel Company's yards, in Steelton, three years ago.

Epps and several other negroes are alleged to have killed the man, and, after taking his valuables, carried the body to the car, which they set on fire.

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